

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE
September 9, 2018
11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Passacaglia in C" J.S. Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED
Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is God's house, and we bid you welcome.

**ALL: Welcome to us who are sleeping newborns, broken-hearted,
or in need of a safe place.**

One: Welcome if you're 'just browsing', just woke up
or just had a family argument.

**ALL: Welcome to us who are over 60 and not grown up yet,
and teenagers who are growing up too fast.**

One: A special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now,
and those on a real search for God.

**ALL: Welcome to us all, that in this hour we might know God's light,
open our Heart, and sing a new Song.**

*HYMN "God is Here" No. 660

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Where Children Belong" (congregation sings)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong. This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" No 393

UNISON PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit come: Enter our lives. Free us from all fear. Give us strength to carry on. Give us hope and joy sufficient for each day. Come, Holy Spirit, Come: Give us power to be the church. Impart your gifts to us that we may be the body of Christ's presence in the world. Free us from all fear. Renew our life together. Come,

Holy Spirit, Come: Bind us close together. May we rejoice with one another's joys and weep with one another's sorrows. Bind us together in love, not only with sheep of this fold, but all of Christ's people around this city and world. Forgive the pride, prejudice, and self righteousness which separates us from one another. Come, Holy Spirit, come: That all may be one in Christ, source of all unity, who is with us today and always, even to the end of time. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

"O Lord, Open My Eyes"

Jeffrey Cobb

trumpet: Josh Wagner, Bailey LaPan, horn: Julie Schleif, trombone: om Riccobono

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the need of others, open my ears that I may hear their cries, open my heart so that they need not be without succour. Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to these places. Open my eyes and ears that I may, this coming day, be able to do some work of peace for you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12: 1-2, 9-21

(NT p. 161)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"It's Good to Be Here"

BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

CALL TO ACTION

One: God wants us to be, think, and act in the world in a Christ-like way. So let's invite each other to follow God's call, renewing our minds to –

ALL: Live lives that are devout, pure, and reconciled with others, thereby being Jesus Christ's agents of transformation in the world;

WOMEN: Practice compassion in the ways we minister, care for the poor, advocate for equality, justice, and peace;

MEN: Care for the earth which is God's gift in trust to us; working in faith and confidence for the healing of all creation.

One: By the grace of God, let us covenant to be a people transformed by the renewing of our minds in these ways.

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Here I Am Lord"

No. 593

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT	"We've A Story to Tell"	No. 569 (vs. 1-3)
*PASTORAL BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	"Go Forth With God"	Grier & Everson
*POSTLUDE	"Fugue in C"	J.S. Bach

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

CHILDREN'S TIME – 11:00 BACKPACK BLESSING PRAYER

Today we bless the backpacks of our students, and we ask that you join us in praying for all of them as they put in the hard work this year! Lift your hand towards the front of the sanctuary and say these words with us:

Dear God, we lift to you these students. They stand here to receive your blessings and they commit to learning and studying throughout the year. We ask your blessing on each one of them.

We also pray for teachers and administrators in our schools. May they be blessed by you also. May they be reminded this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well.

We pray this in the name of Jesus who we seek to follow each day. Amen